tral Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme and any ex-gratia payment by the State Government concerned, amounts to Rs. one lakh. This is in addition to the benefits and facilities available to all Central Government servants in case of death while on duty as a result of attack by or during action against extremists.

[*English*]

Damage to Properties in Kashmir

*241. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militants have been systematically destroying the properties of Kashmiris as a result of which they are being forced to flee from their homes in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details regarding the worst affected areas;

(c) the extent of damage caused;

(d) the preventive measures taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government propose to compensate for the losses suffered by such refugees on their return to Kashmir; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) A number of families have left Kashmir Valley to take shelter in other parts of the country. The terrorists have continued to destroy a large number of private properties.

(b) Several areas in the Valley, and particularly Srinagar, have been affected.

(c) Damage has been caused to residential houses, shops and commercial premises, educational institutions, community halls, etc.

(d) The Government has already steped up pressure on the terrorists and vigil on the border. Intelligence operations has been further intensified.

(e) and (f). Government of Jammu and Kashmir has issued instructions for payment of ex-gratia assistance to the extent of 50% of the assessed loss of immovable property subject to an upper ceiling of Rs. 1 lakh. They have made payment in some cases and survey of damaged properties is in progress in other cases.

[*Translation*]

Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983

*242. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals Act, 1983 enforced in Assam has been reviewed by the Union Government;

(b) whether any loopholes have been noticed therein;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to amend the Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (e). The Illegal